

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claim 5, 16, 25, 36, 47 and 51 in accordance with the following:

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5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a lid member, a main display section and an auxiliary display section, the main display section being provided at a position of the lid member so that the main display section is only visible in an open state of the lid member, said status display control unit comprising:
 - a controller, operating on an operating system that operates in a normal state of the electronic equipment and configured to display a communication connection status of the electronic equipment using a message representing contents of a communication connection process which is being executed by the electronic equipment in the auxiliary display section, the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.
6. (ORIGINAL) The status display control unit as claimed in claim 5, wherein the communication connection status includes at least one of a state during dial-up, a state during authentication of connection, a state during connection, a state during re-dial standby, a net communication time, a state during checking of electronic mail, a state during reception of electronic mail, and an abnormal state.

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16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a lid member, a main display section and an auxiliary display section, the main display section being provided at a position of the lid member so that the main display section is only visible in an open state of the lid member, said status display control unit comprising:

a controller, operating on an operating system that operates in a normal state of the electronic equipment and configured to display a communication cost of the electronic equipment, using a message representing contents of a communication connection process which is being executed by the electronic equipment, in the auxiliary display section, the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.

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25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic equipment, comprising:
a lid member which has an open state and a closed state;
a main display section provided at a position of the lid member so that the main display section is only visible in the open state of the lid member;
an auxiliary display section displaying status information of the electronic equipment; and
a controller, operating on an operating system that operates in a normal state of the electronic equipment configured to display a communication connection status of the electronic equipment, using a message representing contents of a communication connection process which is being executed by the electronic equipment, in the auxiliary display section, the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The electronic equipment as claimed in claim 25, wherein the communication connection status includes at least one of a state during dial-up, a state during authentication of connection, a state during connection, a state during re-dial standby, a net communication time, a state during checking of electronic mail, a state during reception of electronic mail, and an abnormal state.

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36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic equipment, comprising:
 - a lid member which has an open state and a closed state;
 - a main display section provided at a position of the lid member so that the main display section is only visible in the open state of the lid member;
 - an auxiliary display section displaying status information of the electronic equipment; and
 - a controller, operating on an operating system that operates in a normal state of the electronic equipment configured to display a communication cost of the electronic equipment, using a message representing contents of a communication connection process which is being executed by the electronic equipment, in the auxiliary display section, the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.
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47. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program readable by a computer for causing the computer to display status information of an electronic equipment which includes a lid member, a main display section and an auxiliary display section, the main display section being provided at a position of the lid member so that the main display section is only visible in an open state of the lid member, said program comprising:

a control procedure causing the computer to operate on an operating system that operates in a normal state of the electronic equipment and to display a communication connection status of the electronic equipment, using a message representing contents of a communication connection process which is being executed by the electronic equipment, in the auxiliary display section, the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.

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51. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program readable by a computer for causing the computer to display status information of an electronic equipment which includes a lid member, a main display section and an auxiliary display section, wherein the main display section is provided at a position of the lid member so that the main display section is only visible in an open state of the lid member, said program comprising:

a control procedure causing the computer to operate on an operating system that operates in a normal state of the electronic equipment and to display a communication cost of the electronic equipment, using a message representing contents of a communication connection process which is being executed by the electronic equipment, in the auxiliary display section, the auxiliary display section being visible in a state in which the lid member is in the closed position and being visible together with the main display section in a state in which the lid member is in the open state.

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83. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 47, wherein the communication connection status includes at least one of a state during dial-up, a state during authentication of connection, a state during connection, a state during re-dial standby, a net communication time, a state during checking of electronic mail, a state during reception of electronic mail, and an abnormal state.

84. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The status display control unit for displaying status information of the electronic equipment as recited in claim 16, wherein:

the controller is configured to display a communication time and the communication cost of the electronic equipment in the auxiliary display section.

85. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The electronic equipment as recited in claim 36, wherein:

the controller is configured to display a communication time and the communication cost of the electronic equipment in the auxiliary display section.

86. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The electronic equipment as recited in claim 36, wherein:

the controller is configured to display a communication time and the communication cost of the electronic equipment in the auxiliary display section.

87. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The status display control unit as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

the lid member is connected to a first end of a main body of the electronic equipment via a hinge to move, freely, to an open state and to a closed state; and

the auxiliary display section is provided at a second end of the main body, confronting the first end of the main body.

88. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The status display control unit as claimed in claim 87, wherein:

the main body has a top surface confronting the lid member in the closed state and a bottom surface confronting the top surface; and

the auxiliary display section is provided on a side surface of the main body, extending between the top surface and the bottom surface.

89. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The status display control unit as claimed in claim 88, further comprising:

a keyboard provided on the top surface of the main body.

90. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The status display control unit as claimed in claim 87, wherein:

the main body has a top surface confronting the lid member in the closed state and a bottom surface confronting the top surface; and

the auxiliary display section is provided in a region of the top surface of the main body so as not to overlap the lid member when in the closed state.

91. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The status display control unit as claimed in claim 87, wherein:

a keyboard is provided in a region, on the top surface of the main body, that is covered by the lid member in the state in which the lid member is in the closed position.

92. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A status display control unit as recited in any of claims 5, 16, 25, 36, 47, 51, 84, 85 and 86, wherein:

symbols and/or animation is displayed in the auxiliary display section, other than characters, to supplement contents of a message indicated only by characters.

93. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A status display control unit as recited in any of claims 5, 16, 25, 36, 47, 51, 84, 85 and 86, wherein:

the message displayed in the auxiliary display section represents relevant information, such as one or more of communication time or communication cost, or a condition of communication including one or more of checking of electronic mail, a received condition of electronic mail, a number of received electronic mail items, a level of importance of the contents of the message, and the importance of an incoming or received and stored but non-read message.